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Hutchinson House
Hutchinson Mills
Washington Township, Mercer County, New Jersey

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Owner: George R. Hutchinson

Date of Erection: 1785 for older portion

Architect:

Builder: Built for James and Sarah Hutchinson by
Thomas and Isaac Combs, carpenters;
Samuel Updyke, mason

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - native stone

Exterior walls - brick,
Flemish bond with moulded
brick course around the
original building at first
floor level also at second
floor level on gable ends

Interior walls - plaster
directly on the brick of
exterior walls, rest lath
and plaster

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch

Historical Data:

James Hutchinson, the builder of this house,
was a son of Jonathan and Rachel Hutchinson who settled
in what is now West Windsor township prior to 1750.
James was born in 1755 and died in 1830. He married

Sarah Tindall whose initials appear with his on the west gable, "I. S. H. 1785". From his father he received a farm and the mill property. He moved to the mill site about 1779 living first in a log house. The mill was a saw mill; he took this down in 1782 and built a grist mill which has since been rebuilt. In 1783 he built the barn and in 1785 the older portion of the present house, the bricks being made on the Wainwright farm.

James Hutchinson left an account book beginning with the year 1782. In this we learn that Thomas and Isaac Combs were the carpenters and that they with the help of an apprentice did the carpentry work. Samuel Updyke is the only mason mentioned. Besides these several laborers are mentioned who worked both on the house and the barn. We also discover that the carpenters were paid \$1.40 a day and the laborers about \$.75.

James Hutchinson also had a weaving business making linen, ticking, linsey, and the like. He was, according to all accounts, a substantial citizen serving as a member of the Board of Freeholders in 1800 and 1802.

The land where the house of the survey stands was bought by Jonathan Hutchinson in 1774 from Isaac Ivins. It was part of the tract originally owned by Augustin Gordon; at one time Gordon owned the greater part of Washington Township. The tract bought by Hutchinson passed from Gordon to John Burnet, to Jacob Wright, and then to Isaac Ivins. Jonathan Hutchinson died about 1776 leaving this tract to his son James. By will dated February 22, 1830 James left the property to his son James I. Hutchinson. The present owner is his grandson who received the property from his father Henry by will of James I. dated April 19, 1886.

All the window frames, shutters, and most of the sash in the house are original. This is also true of the front entrance and most of the interior doors. The fireplace in the living room

has been rebuilt, but the other fireplaces are original. The stairway is original. Most of the flooring is likewise original. The present roof is new, but the cornice is original.

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